

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 18, 1891, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Atlantic City, Shelburne Hotel, March 18th, 1891. My darling Alec:

How very good of you to write to me, I thank you very much for sending me the copy of your letter to the Annals. But, my darling, why did you take all that trouble to copy it yourself? It must have taken you at least an hour to do so, and it was already very late when you began and you had been working hard all night. Why couldn't you have just sent those few lines and then gone to bed leaving word for Mr. McCurdy or somebody to copy the letter to the Annals in the morning? It makes me anxious to hear of your working so hard and like the thorough spendthrift you are, throwing away all the new strength those days of rest in Philadelphia gave you. I wish you would not do it, I feel as if I were really very useless here and that my place were by your side watching you and trying to save you from yourself. I want very much to have a few lines from you every day, but please don't write such a long letter so late again. Go to bed instead. I think your letter as usual very good, I should think you had made your meaning very clear. Why did you not enlarge a little more on the reading of foreign books, it seems to me that that example would bring the force of your argument home to your readers more than any amount of arguing.

I am wondering when you will receive Mr. Gallaudet's reply. You will send me a copy of it won't you.

I found that it was impossible for us to do better at the 2 Traymore than here while no rooms were to be had at the Brighton, so we concluded to stay. The prices here are first class whatever the furniture may be, and the table is good for a seashore hotel. I only hope we won't have broiled shad and beefsteak for supper every night. The rooms are large and comfortable and my room has a side view of the ocean. We are however, very

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little at home, we walked nearly all the morning and after dinner spent the afternoon in comfortable hired steamer chairs on the sands watching the children at play. About the only thing Elsie remembers of our last stay here is the Mississippi you helped her and Daisy dig in the sand.

I think our experiment is going to be a success. It will if Elsie continues as she has been yesterday and today. All the hotels seem crowded, but we do not meet many people about. Elsie is anxious to know what becomes of them, but I can't enlighten her.

The soft sea breezes are very nice, and I feel better than I have done for sometime, still I would much rather be home with you. I am satisfied if all are well at home however, only pray do be careful of yourself.

Lovingly always, Mabel.